percentage of crosses than is possible in Hawaii, outside, as I have no rain losses, and few troubles with insects.

For some years (and even now, to some degree) I hybridize for high incidence of large and colorful bloom. But as we have no shows here and these large and colorful ones were not large and colorful when grown outside I began to direct my efforts to develop cultivars which were hardy, with strong roots, and with as good a flower as possible.

I think that "Seed Pod" readers might be interested in the fact that we must work entirely inside, that the reason why we do not have more fanciers here is that unless one has a greenhouse, you just don't get seed, or at least enough seed to sustain interest. We don't have your catastrophic frost losses, but we do lose plants from frost, plus long, cold periods which result in "cold feet" - - deadly in the case of hibiscus. We do not have your warm nights, which is one reason why you have a lot of "come back" when you are touched with frost.

Another deterrent is that nurseries here will not grow a variety which does not root easily, and grow

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I am dead sot against this business of showing or offering seedlings for sale before they are fixed. I will not send anything out until I have bloomed it for two years, preferably three years. I think we might well ask the question, "Where are the 'Best in Show Seedlings of Yesteryear?'"

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